

HEARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
July 15, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The Heard County Board of Commissioners held a work session on July 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Heard County Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were Chairman Tracy McCormick, District 1 Commissioner Curtis Mock, District 2 Commissioner James Perry, District 3 Commissioner Iris Harris, District 4 Commissioner Larry Hammond, District 5 Commissioner David Walls, and Finance Director Felicia Adams.

Chairman McCormick stated that the work session was called to discuss building and zoning ordinances and other related matters.

Ricky McDonald, President of the Heard County Livestock Club, addressed the Board regarding the costs associated with the Covered Arena. He inquired about the final cost of the arena project. The Chairman reviewed the cost figures as outlined in the contract, and Arena Director Caleb Pike was present to answer questions. Commissioners Hammond and Perry discussed the background and history of how the arena fees were established.

Finance Director Felicia Adams presented the various proposed millage rates and explained their potential impact on the County's budget. The Board engaged in discussion with Tax Assessor Dustin Pate regarding the current tax digest and recent property tax assessments. Mr. Pate explained that the increase was primarily due to the recent construction of numerous homes valued at over \$500,000. The Board also discussed the potential for future revenue from industrial development, noting that such revenue is not expected in the immediate future.

The Chairman announced that he, along with Building and Zoning Director Macie Cassel and any interested Board members, would be reviewing the building and zoning ordinances gradually, addressing a portion each week. Any questions or concerns identified during the process would be

brought before the Board for review and decision. A representative from Three Rivers stated they would explore the possibility of locating an expert to assist with the ordinance review.

Kathy Knowles addressed the Board regarding the current Chattahoochee River Corridor Greenway Master Plan. She requested that the Board review the plan and consider potential projects they would like to see added.

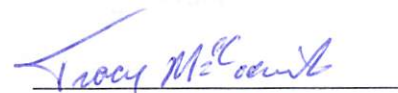
The Board discussed the STAR Grant, which provides funding opportunities for community improvement projects, including tire disposal.

The work session concluded with no official action being taken.

End time 6:20 p.m.



County Clerk



Chairman

Date 8-19-25